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Draft resolution

Item 4.2 of the provisional agenda

35 C/DR.07*
(COM CLT)

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Original: English

Amendment to the Draft Programme and Budget for 2010-2011 (35 C/5)

Submitted by **IRAN (Islamic Republic of)**

Part II.A – Programmes:

Major Programme IV: Culture

Resolution No.: 04000

Biennial sectoral priority 1: Protecting, safeguarding and managing the tangible and intangible heritage

Paragraph: (viii)

Budgetary implications
indicated by the sponsor: \$70,000

Source of financing
proposed by the sponsor: Regular budget and extrabudgetary resources provided for MLA 3

Proposed modification:

Biennial sectoral priority 1, item (viii)

- (viii) promote standard-setting and operational activities for the protection of cultural objects and the fight against illicit traffic, particularly through the effective implementation of the 1954 (The Hague) Convention for the Protection of Cultural Heritage in the Event of Armed Conflict and its two Protocols, and the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, **the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention or Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects**, as well as support to the Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Countries of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation, **as well as encourage dialogues and cooperation**

* This proposal was received by the Secretariat on 19 August 2009.

between States Parties for identification, sharing information and experiences and restitution processes of cultural property;

Explanatory note:

Underlining the active involvement of UNESCO in the return and restitution of cultural property; acknowledging the complementarity between the 1970 UNESCO Convention and the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention and their functions; emphasizing that the objective of the 1995 Convention is to facilitate the restitution and return of cultural objects and to enhance international cultural cooperation and legal trading and inter-State agreements for cultural exchanges; affirming that the collaboration between Member States contributes to the fight against growing looting, theft and illicit trafficking of cultural property and preventing such actions;

The Director-General is requested to modify proposed resolution 04000, Biennial sectoral priority 1, paragraph (viii), through:

- including the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention in paragraph (viii) after the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property; and
- strengthening its measures for promoting dialogues and cooperation between States Parties for identification, sharing information and experience and restitution processes of cultural property.