

17th General Assembly Resolutions related to the Working Group on Statutes

17GA Agenda item 5-1 - Report on the Amendments to the ICOMOS Statutes

Resolution 17GA 2011/10

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Decides to establish a working group with a view to submit to the 18th General Assembly in 2014 amendments to the ICOMOS Statutes as well as Rules of Procedure for approval;

Also decides that this working group shall be composed of representative of all regions and cultural groupings, including some persons, who served on the Statutes Task Force, and shall consist of: Mr Andrew Hall (South Africa, member of the former Task Force), Mr Gideon Koren (ICLAFI, member of the former Task Force), Ms Anne Magnant (ICOMOS France, member of the former Task Force), Mr Peter Phillips (Australia), Ms Bénédicte Selfslagh (ICOMOS Belgium, Chair of the former Task Force) as well as a representative of the ICOMOS Executive Committee and a legal councillor to ICOMOS;

Requests the working group to build upon the analysis and work already carried out, and focus on the following topics:

- a. Membership categories and financial stability
- b. Governance
- c. Elections
- d. Interaction of the Eger-Xi'an and Dubrovnik-Valletta Principles with the Statutes and Rules of Procedure
- e. Compliance with legislation;

Also requests that the starting point for the deliberations shall be the text of the Statutes without the provisions that need to be transferred to the Rules of Procedure, and that the working group formulates proposals for the two documents (Statutes and Rules of Procedure, as appropriate);

Further requests the working group to present a report to the Advisory Committee in 2012, and that given the work already undertaken, the proposals shall be presented as text amendments in 'track changes' together with their rationale;

Encourages the Advisory Committee meeting in 2012, to stipulate a time (max. 6 weeks) to allow the National and International Scientific Committees and the membership to send further comments in order to allow those who did not attend the Advisory Committee to participate in the consultation process;

Also requests, based on the above, the working group to submit to the Advisory Committee a revised version well in advance of its 2013 meeting, to allow the National and International Scientific Committees and membership to have the possibility to comment prior to and during

the Advisory Committee meeting, and that based on the comments received, and the discussions and decisions made at the 2013 Advisory Committee meeting, the working group shall prepare the final version of the proposal to amend the Statutes, as well as the final proposal for the Rules of Procedure; and that these shall be sent to the membership four months before the opening of the 18th General Assembly in 2014, in accordance with Article 19 of the Statutes;

Further requests the working group to submit a progress report to the Executive Committee between the meetings of the Advisory Committee.

17GA Agenda item 5-2 - Report on the Amendments to the Ethical Commitment Statement

Resolution 17GA 2011/11

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling that the Ethical Commitment Statement was adopted in 2002 along with an intention to review it after 6 years of implementation, and that in March 2010, the Executive Committee asked the newly founded ICOMOS Academy to verify with the National and International Scientific Committees the awareness, applicability and enforcement of the Ethical Commitment Statement;

Considering that the findings of the survey conducted by the ICOMOS Academy had been distributed to the Executive Committee, the Advisory Committee and the ICOMOS Academy members, and that as a result, the Advisory Committee at its meeting in October 2009 (Malta) appointed a working group to generate proposals to review the Statement;

Noting with gratitude the contribution of the Academy and the progress made but considering that this work must continue in order to submit proposals for revision to the Statement;

Resolves to:

- a. Integrate this matter in the mechanisms and processes established for the amendment of the ICOMOS Statutes, noting the importance of these issues being pursued in a coordinated manner;
- b. Request the National and International Scientific Committees to promote awareness of the Ethical Commitment Statement and integrate it in their activities;
- c. Invite its membership to implement sound professional practise in continuously and explicitly clarifying whether they speak in their own name or whether they have been mandated to represent the view of ICOMOS.

Resolution 17GA 2011/42 - Spanish as a working language

The 17th General Assembly of ICOMOS,

Recalling the Sofia Declaration, pronounced at the closing of the 11th General Assembly (Sofia, 1996), Resolution n° 18 on “Integrating Spanish in General Assemblies and Committee meetings” adopted by the 16th General Assembly (Quebec, 2008), and the output from Task Force 3 of the Advisory Committee meeting in Malta (2009);

Noting the increasing number of National Committees as well as the amount of members from Spanish speaking countries, corresponding to trends in the world’s social and demographic evolution;

Recognizing that the above mentioned situation has made Spanish one of the three most spoken languages in ICOMOS;

Acknowledging the importance of the scientific texts as well as the very large amount of expertise in heritage emanating from Ibero-American countries;

Considering that all possible ways should be explored to solve perceived or factual financial problems in each particular case;

Resolves to:

- a. Request the working group on the ICOMOS Statutes to study the feasibility of integrating a proposal towards the amendment of the ICOMOS Statutes to include Spanish as a working language;
- b. Thank the National Committee of Ireland for providing interpretation into Spanish at the Advisory Committee meeting in 2010, as well as the efforts made by Canada and France in trying to guarantee Spanish interpretation at the 16th and 17th General Assemblies;
- c. Recognize in particular the improvements in the use of the Spanish language made by the ICOMOS staff at the International Secretariat in Paris;