
Jerusalem and the implementation of 34 C/Resolution 47¹

The General Conference,

Recalling 34 C/Resolution 47, as well as the provisions of the four Geneva Conventions (1949), The Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (1954) and the related Protocols, and the Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (1972), the inscription of the Old City of Jerusalem on the World Heritage List and on the List of World Heritage in Danger, and the recommendations, resolutions and decisions of UNESCO on the protection of cultural heritage,

Affirming that nothing in the present resolution, which is aimed at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, shall in any way affect the relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions, in particular the relevant Security Council resolutions on the legal status of Jerusalem,

Having examined documents 35 C/16 and Add.,

1. *Expresses* its sincere thanks to the Director-General for his sustained efforts for the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in compliance with 34 C/Resolution 47 of the General Conference, and *reiterates* its concern as to the obstacles and practices, unilateral or otherwise, affecting the preservation of the distinctive character of the Old City of Jerusalem;
2. *Thanks* international donors for their generous contributions to the UNESCO Action Plan for the Safeguarding of the Cultural Heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, and *calls upon* Member States and the international donor community to further support, through extrabudgetary funding, activities aimed at the safeguarding of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem, in particular in the context of the Action Plan;
3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Director-General for the progress made in the implementation of conservation, restoration and training activities in the Old City of Jerusalem, in particular with regard to the development of an architectural heritage conservation institute in partnership with the Welfare Association, thanks to a financial contribution from the European Commission, the successful establishment of the Al-Aqsa Centre for the Restoration of Islamic Manuscripts in al-Ashrafiya Madrasa, and the refurbishment and revitalization of the Islamic Museum of al-Haram ash-Sharif, thanks to the generous financial contribution from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
4. *Invites* the Director-General to pursue his efforts with the parties concerned for the safeguarding of the outstanding universal value of the Old City of Jerusalem;

Recalling that this item is included in the agenda of the 184th session of the Executive Board,

5. *Invites* the Director-General to present to it at its 36th session a progress report on the implementation of the above-mentioned Action Plan, and decides to inscribe this item on the agenda of its 36th session.

¹Resolution adopted on the report of the CLT Commission at the 17th plenary meeting, on 23 October 2009.