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RESOLUTION REGARDING FIRST AID MISSIONS

The Centre's 4th General Assembly

Being aware of the conditions in which in November 1966 the art cities of Florence and Venice have become victims of a catastrophe of exceptional violence menacing the destruction or serious alteration of much cultural property of very great importance,

Having been informed of the measures for salvage taken by the responsible national authorities supported by international help coordinated by UNESCO and by the Rome Centre,

Congratulates the Centre on the action it has already taken and continues to take and also upon the results obtained,

Considering that such catastrophies may in future affect in other countries groups of cultural material of importance as exceptional as that of Florence and Venice and that it would then be desirable to undertake the organisation of an immediate salvage and first aid operation,

Considering, moreover, that in these circumstances, the action taken in the days immediately succeeding the emergency are often the key to success and of greater significance than actions taken later provided that they are carried out under the direction of qualified experts,

Authorises the Director of the Centre with the previous agreement of the country concerned, to act on his own initiative in deciding to select and send to the site an expert, or experts, to cooperate with the national authorities in operations of salvage and safeguard, and also in first aid measures of conservation,

Decides that to this end a sum of \$4,000 should be set apart,

Recommends that the Council of the Centre prior to its next meeting should study all practical measures of giving substance to this Resolution and should give it the widest publicity and diffusion in all countries whether members of the Centre or otherwise.