The General Assembly

Considering the growing cultural and social importance of cultural property particularly when connected with the daily activities of mankind, that is of historical centres

Considering the fact that their safeguard poses extremely urgent methodological and technical problems in several countries

Considering that in an ever increasing number of countries specialized training in this field has been instituted

Recommends that the interested countries inform the Direction of the Centre about the structure of the training courses existing for specialists, of their programmes and the conditions in which diplomas are awarded

Proposes the institution of quinquennial refresher meetings to bring specialists up to date on theoretical and practical developments in all fields

Proposes that the specialists who have obtained an official qualification may be assured an economically convenient position with good career possibilities.
The General Assembly

Considering that in the Mediterranean region over 50% of archaeological excavations are completed after half a century without publication of results and considering that in most cases the scientists concerned are dead, considering that on the other hand an unpublished excavation is a negative contribution to archaeology as precious information is lost forever.

Recommends that the Member States take all necessary measures when drawing up their legislations to prevent the continuation of excavations for which a report has not been published within a reasonable time.
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Considering the amplitude of clandestine excavations expresses
the wish that UNESCO take the initiative to recommend that all
countries abide by the UNESCO recommendation on excavations
and that all measures be taken to avoid any clandestine excavations
and illegal trade by promoting an agreement between museums and
specialists referring to the UNESCO Convention on illegal sales.

Recommends to Member States:

a) to limit excavations according to the actual possibilities
   of study, publication and conservation of the archaeological
   remains and objects discovered.

b) the collaboration of teams composed of architects, archaeol-
   ogists, art historians and conservation specialists working
   simultaneously on separate projects of excavation and
   restoration.

c) to constitute excavation stores for objects discovered
   in order to guarantee their conservation and security
   before their final destination is decided.

d) to limit anastylosis with the aim of avoiding any reconstruc-
   tion.

Recommends that the greatest emphasis should be placed on the
conservation in situ of monuments in so far as speculative urban
development or any other disrupting factor is concerned.

Recommends the furthering of studies in order that cultural prop-
erty should not be considered as a hindrance to the development
of society but, on the contrary, as a factor contributing to
this development in the best conditions for mankind, as a
result of its value which is not only cultural but also social
and economic.

Recommends that all Member States should translate their most
important publications and circulate them as widely as possible.