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## Safeguarding Endangered Cultural Heritage Conference Concludes in Abu Dhabi

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At the conference, the french President Hollande announced the International Fund supported by UNESCO "At this conference, we, Heads of State and Government and their representatives, officials and stakeholders, unite our efforts in favor of heritage by supporting international action to safeguard cultural heritage threatened by armed conflict Or terrorism. A follow-up conference will be held in 2017 to evaluate the implementation of the initiatives launched in Abu Dhabi and the first projects financed by the International Fund." said the French President Francois Hollande.

LIST OF THE HEAD OF STATES AND PM's APPEARING IN THE COVER OFFICIAL PHOTO-----

PHOTO TAKEN IN ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - December 03, 2016: (front row L-R) HH Prince Aga Khan IV, HH Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad Al Thani Personal Representative of the Emir Qatar, HRH Prince Khalid al Faisal Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Governor of Makkah Region, HE Ashraf Ghani President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President, Prime Minister of the UAE, Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Defence, HE Francois Hollande, President of France, HH Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, HH Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah Emir of Kuwait, HE Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi President of Yemen, HE Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, President of Mali, HE Hailemariam Desalegn Prime Minister of Ethiopia, HH Sheikh Nasser bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HE Yusuf bin Alawi bin Abdullah Foreign Minister of Oman (R), (2nd row) HE Alexis Tsipras, Prime Minister of Greece (3rd L), HE Denis Zvizdic, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (4th L), HE Jack Lang President of Institut du Monde Arabe (5th L), HE Mohamed Khalifa Al Mubarak Chairman of Abu Dhabi Tourism & Culture Authority (6th L), HE Irina Bokova Director General of UNESCO (7th L) and other dignitaries, stand for a photograph during the Safeguarding Endangered Cultural Heritage Conference at Emirates Palace.

SAFEGUARDING ENDANGERED CULTURAL HERITAGE CONFERENCE CONCLUDES-----

The closing session of the Safeguarding Endangered Cultural Heritage conference was held in the presence of UAE leaders and foreign heads of states, prime ministers and dignitaries. The two-day conference, a joint initiative of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, and French President Francois Hollande, is due to conclude later today with the adoption of the Abu Dhabi Declaration in support of the global mandate of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, UNESCO, to protect cultural heritage during armed conflicts. A number of foreign heads of states, prime ministers and dignitaries attended the session along with H.H. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, President Hollande, Irina Bokova, Director-General of UNESCO, and UAE Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

These included H.H. Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, Amir of Kuwait; Yemeni President Abdrabbuh Mansour Hadi; Afghan President Ashraf Ghani; Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita; Prime Minister of the Government of National Accord of Libya Fayez al-Sarraj; Senegalese Prime Minister Mohammed Abdallah Dionne; Denis Zvizdic, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina; Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras; Ethiopian Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn; Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, Governor of Makkah Province, Saudi Arabia; Sheikh Nasser bin Isa Al Khalifa, son of the King of Bahrain; Sheikh Jassim bin Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, Representative of the Emir of Qatar; Omani Minister of Foreign Affairs Yousuf bin Alawi; Head of the Moroccan Counsellors' Council Hakim bin Shammis; Prince Aga Khan, head of the Ismailis.-----

-----LIST OF THE EMIRATES OFFICIALS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO PROTECT CULTURAL HERITAGE-----

Emirati officials who were in attendance included Dr. Amal Abdullah Al Qubaisi, Speaker of Federal National Council (FNC); H.H.

Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; H.H. Sheikh Omar bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan Charitable and Humanitarian Foundation; H.H. Sheikh Khalid bin Zayed Al Nahyan Chairman of the Board of Zayed Higher Organisation for Humanitarian Care and Special Needs (ZHO); Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development, and Sheikh Sultan bin Tahnoon Al Nahyan, Member of the Executive Council.

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