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The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights presents its compliments to all Permanent missions and observers to the United Nations in Geneva and has the honour to invite them to attend a one day intersessional seminar on ways to prevent, contain and/or mitigate the detrimental impact of the damage to or destruction of cultural heritage on the enjoyment of human rights, including cultural rights by all, and on best practices in this regard, as requested by Human Rights Council resolution 33/20.

The consultation will take place in Palais des Nations, Room XIX, on Friday, 7 July 2017, from 10:00 am to 18:00 pm. Interpretation in all UN languages will be provided.

More detailed programme and information will be circulated at a later date. In accordance with resolution 33/20, this seminar will contribute to elucidating ways and means to integrate a human rights and cultural rights perspective in the field of cultural heritage protection and to enhance cooperation for its safeguard and promotion. The consultation will provide an opportunity for States, the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, civil society organizations, national human rights institutions, cultural right defenders and other interested stakeholders to share their views.

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all United Nations Member States and observers the assurances of its highest consideration.

