

RESOLUTION (72) 21

**ON THE COMPILATION OF NATIONAL INVENTORIES  
OF MONUMENTS, GROUPS OF BUILDINGS AND SITES  
OF HISTORICAL OR ARTISTIC INTEREST**

(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 30 May 1972  
at the 211th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)

The Committee of Ministers,

Taking note of the report of the 1st Session of the Committee on Monuments and Sites;

Reaffirming the importance which it attaches to making measures for the preservation and rehabilitation of the cultural heritage of monuments and sites an integral part of regional planning;

Having regard to its Resolution (66) 19 of 29 March 1966, urging member governments to pursue forthwith a policy aimed at taking without delay such steps as were necessary to ensure the immediate protection of groups and areas of buildings of historical and artistic interest by means of :

- (i) the identification and cataloguing of the cultural assets to be protected, if possible on the basis of the model index card for the Inventory of the European Cultural Heritage (IECH) illustrated since in the booklet *Protective Inventory* published by the Council of Europe in 1968;
- (ii) the immediate application of adequate protection measures once a cultural asset is identified, without awaiting the completion of the protective inventory;
- (iii) the establishment of machinery to enable emergency protective measures to be taken, pending the adaptation of existing regional planning legislation to the requirements of the artistic and historical heritage,

Recommends that member governments see to it that, in implementing the measures referred to above, whether by legislation or by any other appropriate and effective method, the national protective inventory is taken into consideration at all stages of regional planning and, as far as possible, in all other schemes for the preservation and rehabilitation of the cultural heritage of monuments and sites.