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 reiterate the invitation to attend the one day intersessional seminar organised by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in conformity with Human Rights Council resolution 33/20 on “Cultural rights and the protection of cultural heritage” (see note verbale of 12 April 2017).

The consultation will take place in Palais des Nations, Room XIX, on Friday 7 July 2017, from 10:00 to 18:00. Interpretation in all UN languages will be provided. Documents relating to the seminar can be found on page: www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/ESCR/Pages/CulturalRightsProtectionCulturalHeritage.aspx.

All States and organizations accrediting representatives or individuals wishing to attend the seminar are required to register online. Information regarding the registration procedure is available on the webpage mentioned above. The deadline for registration of participants is 3 July 2017.

During the seminar, participants will be encouraged to intervene in an interactive manner with a view to stimulating constructive debate, and to focus their questions, comments and sharing of experiences, good practices and challenges on the issues proposed for discussion in the agenda, as well as to suggest recommendations on possible ways forward. To foster this, States and other observers are encouraged to include in their respective delegations relevant cultural heritage professionals or other actors involved in protection of cultural heritage.

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

Geneva, 22 June 2017