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The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

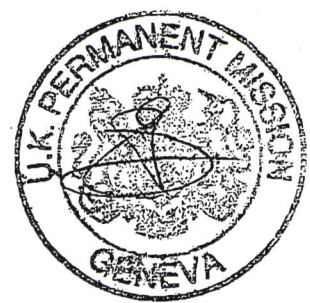
The Permanent Mission refers to the letter and questionnaire on the recognition, access and protection of cultural heritage, elaborated by the Independent Expert in the field of cultural rights, Ms Farida Shaheed, pursuant to Human Rights Council Resolution 10/23 of 26 March 2009.

As requested, the attachment contains a summary of policies and numerous electronic links for further reference.

The Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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## Letter from the Independent Expert in the Field of Cultural Rights: Response from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

### UK Cultural Heritage

#### Protection

Statutory protection is afforded to heritage assets through their designation within the following categories:

#### Scheduled monuments

The UK Government is party to the European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (the 'Valetta Convention'). This obliges States to institute a

