

GA – **General Assembly 2017**

Decisions of the ICCROM General Assembly XXX Session

Agenda Item 25– Statements of Delegates and Observers

25.2 The General Assembly unanimously adopted the following in regard to the Tracking Trends programme:

The General Assembly:

- Noting the clear need of the cultural heritage sector to provide evidence of its
 contribution to sustainable development, in order to enhance the visibility and to
 stimulate policy making in support of cultural heritage and its conservation, in as well
 as beyond the cultural heritage sector;
- Noting the importance of monitoring knowledge gaps, capacity and emerging issues of concern in order to develop strategic and timely responses;
- Noting the lack of consolidated data to enable a strategic overview of the cultural heritage sector worldwide that contributes to sustainable conservation strategies within all Member States;
- Encourages ICCROM to pursue a long term "Tracking Trends" programme for data gathering, critical reflection, analysis and dissemination, to provide necessary evidence and advice to support capacity building, knowledge sharing and strategic decision making in Member States
- Encourages all Member States, foundations and funding agencies, universities, and
 international and national organizations working in the broad field of the cultural
 heritage sector as well as in the fields of economic, social, and environmental
 development and protection to participate in this programme through the provision of
 data, technical advice, and/or financial support, to develop and sustain the Tracking
 Trends programme, thus strengthening ICCROM in its role as a focal point for
 information, knowledge and insight concerning heritage conservation worldwide.