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A. Background

1. By letter of 26 October 2011, the Secretary of State, Ministry of National Resources of Hungary submitted the formal decision of Hungary to withdraw its membership to ICCROM. Such a decision was taken as a result of an internal spending review on the overall governmental participation of Hungary in International Organizations. In line with the provisions of Article 10 of the Statutes, such withdrawal shall took effect on 31 December of the year following that during which the notice was given, that is to say on 31 December 2012.
2. In April 2017, the Director-General of ICCROM received a letter from H.E. János Lázár, Minister, Prime Minister's Office (encl. 1) and on 30 May 2017 a Note Verbale of the Embassy of Hungary in Rome with the Instrument of Accession of 4 May 2017 signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, concerning the re-adhesion of Hungary to ICCROM (enclosure 2).
3. On 31 May 2017, in a meeting with Ms Krisztina Lakos, Deputy Head of Mission, and Ms Orsolya Katalin Szabó of the Embassy's press office, the Director-General explained that following consideration by the Council at its Extraordinary Session in September 2017, Hungary's readmission to ICCROM will be put to the vote by the organization's General Assembly. Readmission requires a two-thirds majority of the Member States of ICCROM present and voting. Membership takes effect on the date on which the General Assembly decides to admit the Member State concerned.
4. The Director-General also hand-delivered to Ms Lakos, a note on Hungary's financial obligations related to the re-adhesion to ICCROM. Specifically, the note referred to the contribution of 2017 which could, by virtue of the above, become effective as of 29 November 2017 and pro-rated according to the date of accession of Hungary as a Member State, amounting to Euro 832.58. The remaining amount of Euro 9,158.42 of the 2017 contribution, as mentioned in your letter of 7 April 2017, could eventually be channelled in the form of a voluntary contribution as a token of support for ICCROM's programmes and in compensation for the lost year of contribution, as suggested in our letter of 28 September 2016. The estimated contribution of Hungary for the 2018-2019 biennium would amount to Euro 12,114 (Euro 6,057 for 2018 and Euro 6,057 for 2019).

B. Article 2 of the Statutes: Membership

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1. *ICCROM is an international organization composed of Member States.*
 2. *A state that is a Member State of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (hereinafter referred to as “UNESCO”) may become a Member State of ICCROM by depositing a formal declaration of accession with the Director-General of UNESCO. Any such state that has become a Member State of ICCROM and subsequently ceases to be a Member State of UNESCO shall retain its membership of ICCROM.*
 3. *A state that is not a Member State of UNESCO, or any former Member State of ICCROM that has withdrawn from membership pursuant to Article 10, or any former Member State of ICCROM that had its membership renounced pursuant to the provision of Article 10(a) previously in force, may forward an application for membership to the Director-General of ICCROM. Following consideration of the application by the Council, such a state may be admitted to membership of ICCROM by the General Assembly. Admission to membership shall require a decision taken by a two-thirds majority of the Member States of ICCROM present and voting. The Director-General of UNESCO shall be notified of the admission of a Member State of ICCROM pursuant to this paragraph.*
 4. *Membership acquired pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Article shall take effect thirty days following receipt by the Director-General of UNESCO of the formal declaration of accession. Membership acquired pursuant to paragraph 3 of this Article shall take effect on the date on which the General Assembly decides to admit the Member State concerned.*
 5. *Each Member State shall contribute to the budget of ICCROM at a rate fixed by the General Assembly.”*

C. Council’s consideration of the application of Hungary

Following favourable consideration of the application by the Council at its extraordinary 88th session held in Rome from 20 to 22 September 2017, Hungary may be admitted to membership of ICCROM by the General Assembly pursuant to Article 2.3 of the Statutes, at its 30th Session (Rome, 29 November to 1 December 2017).