

Resolution for Geneva talks on Peace in Syria

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The parties present at the Geneva Peace Talks,

Acknowledging the universal value of Syrian cultural heritage

Stressing the importance of the Syrian cultural heritage for the future of the country and its citizens

Recognizing that the cultural diversity inherent in Syrian heritage needs to be respected by all parties

Agree to protect the already defaced cultural heritage in Syria from further damage

Will make a conscious effort to safeguard and protect all cultural heritage in Syria irrespective of its religious or ethnic affiliations

Will do all in their power to stop the illegal digging and illegal construction on archaeological sites

Will respect international law concerning the protection of cultural heritage in the event of armed conflict

Will further respect international law to prevent the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property.

They therefore

Invite the national governments, multilateral and international organisations, and especially the national and international heritage communities to

1. Affirm the role cultural heritage can play in enhancing the peace process
2. Support and assist the parties to realize their efforts to safeguard and protect the cultural heritage of Syria