CONVENTION

Chapter I. General provisions regarding protection

1. (a) The Federal Office for the Safeguarding of Monuments is responsible under the Federal Ministry of Education for listing and registering immovable cultural property, using photogrammetric processes to be followed by the preparation of maps.

1. (b) Movable cultural property will similarly be listed under one of three categories (I, II and III), and the feasibility of placing it in a refuge selected for that purpose - the "Alt-Aussee" salt mine - will be examined. Meanwhile, the Ministry has drawn up a contract with the General Directorate of the "Austriechische Salinen" (Austrian Salt Mines Company) which will lay down conditions for the permanent utilization of the disused "Alt-Aussee" salt mine and of the buildings situated around the entrance to the gallery.

2. Members of the Austrian armed forces will be required to respect cultural property, under instructions issued by the military authorities.

3. Military measures. General Kurt Lederer, who has been made responsible for civil protection by the Federal Ministry of Defence (Department III, anti-aircraft protection) will give special attention to the civil protection of cultural property, and has prepared instructions for the Federal Army concerning the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict and briefing it on the provisions of the Convention.

Chapter II. Special protection

4. So far, no application for special protection has been made with regard to any monument. However, an application for special protection for the "Alt-Aussee" salt mine as a refuge has been made to Unesco in a note from the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

5. Immunity of refugees. The Federal Ministry of Education, in a note to the Federal Ministry of Defence, has designated the "Alt-aussee" salt mine as a refuge, and the approaches to it as a special protection zone which is not to be used for military purposes.

Chapter V. Use of distinctive emblems for cultural property

6. No distinctive emblems have as yet been placed on cultural property.

Chapter VI. Scope of application of the Convention

7. In the case of conflicts not of an international character, it will be advisable to disseminate the text of the Convention.

Chapter VII. Execution of the Convention

8. No special agreement has been concluded.

9. The text of the Convention was disseminated by publication in the Bundesgesetzblatt (Official Journal) of 3 April 1964.

10. One of the existing German translations (Kiel 1959, Berne 1963) appears in the above-mentioned journal. Twenty-four copies have been communicated to Member States.

11. No sanctions are as yet provided for within the framework of criminal jurisdiction for breaches of the Convention.

Final provisions

12. No definitive legislation in the form of laws or decrees has yet been adopted.

Regulations for the execution of the Convention

Chapter I. Control

13. The officiating Chairman of the Federal Office for the Safeguarding of Monuments (at present Mr. Frodl Walter, university professor) is responsible for control.

Resolution II

14. No national committee of experts has yet been set up, but plans for establishing one are in hand. It will consist of all persons responsible for the civil protection of cultural property who are attached to the Federal Ministry of the Interior, the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, or the Federal Ministry of Education. Representatives of legally recognized religious communities and of private owners of works of art will also be invited to serve on the committee.