

RESOLUTION (72) 20

**INTERIM MEASURES FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE
CULTURAL HERITAGE OF MONUMENTS AND SITES**

*(Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 30 May 1972
at the 211th meeting of the Ministers' Deputies)*

The Committee of Ministers,

Taking note of the report of the 1st Session of the Committee on Monuments and Sites and of the preparatory work concerning legislation relating to the preservation and rehabilitation of the cultural heritage of monuments and sites;

Realising that this work and the drafting and implementation of the legislation and regulations required is bound to take several years;

Anxious that in the meantime interim measures should be introduced to afford protection against the dangers threatening the cultural heritage of monuments and sites;

Being aware of the vital role that falls to the local authorities in the implementation of policy for the preservation and rehabilitation of monuments, groups of buildings and sites of historical or artistic interest, and of their responsibilities in this regard both now and in the future,

Recommends that member governments :

1. request all the competent authorities to introduce interim measures to prevent the demolition of monuments, groups of buildings and sites of historical or artistic interest and the deterioration of historic towns and picturesque villages;
2. invite the local authorities to adopt whatever interim measures may be necessary to safeguard the cultural heritage of monuments and sites for which they are responsible.