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## ICOM urges to protect Egypt's cultural heritage



Egyptian Museum, Cairo © Francesco Gasparetti

February 2011 - ICOM expresses its deepest concern for Egypt's great historical treasures, currently under threat from looting in the wake of recent events that have swept the nation. ICOM urges and encourages local authorities and civil society to pursue their efforts in protecting and safeguarding the invaluable cultural heritage of this country.

It is essential to protect the exceptionally rich collections of the Egyptian museums so that they may continue to enrich the collective

memory of mankind. The international museum community is fully aware of the significant efforts already made by the country's heritage authorities to preserve these collections, and ICOM wishes to encourage those authorities to take further precautions to protect the country's overall heritage, and in particular that of museums.

ICOM reiterates its commitment to preserving and protecting the world's invaluable cultural heritage and by mobilising its resources: Disaster Relief Task Force, ICOM International Committee for Egyptology (CIPEG), committees on conservation, and its team in charge of the Fight against Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Goods.