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6.2 ICOM recognizes the increasing dangers to universal heritage posed by infrastructural mega-projects. Even where such projects may contribute to economic growth and may benefit the people of the region, nevertheless, they often have a very destructive effect on the cultural heritage and the traditions of the people living there. The ICOM General Assembly recommends to its members in this context

- to contribute to raising awareness in relation to these dangers at all levels in all countries.

An example for this is the Ilisu/Highdam Project in Turkey.

The ICOM General Assembly appeals to its members

- to urge the responsible authorities of Turkey to reconsider their activities and timeframes in the scope of the planned project on the Tigris River in order to ensure better protection of the heritage in the affected region; and in particular

- requests its members of the countries involved with this project (especially in Austria, Germany, Switzerland, and Turkey) to appeal to their authorities and private entities that support and contribute to the project to consider the universal heritage implications of their actions.