

Committee: UNESCO

Country: Sweden

Agenda Item: Preserving Cultural Heritage

Sweden, officially the Kingdom of Sweden, is a country located on the Scandinavian peninsula in Northern Europe. The country's borders are Norway from the west and North, and Finland from the east. Apart from this, Sweden is connected to Denmark with the Öresund Bridge in the South Sweden, which has approximately 450,980 km<sup>2</sup> of land, is the 3rd largest country among the countries belonging to the European Union. Sweden which is the capital is Stockholm, has a parliamentary system but is governed by a monarchy, ranks first according to the Economist's Democracy research. It is also known for being completely against war and is the spokesperson of all platforms that support peace in the world. Sweden, where femicide and murder rates are also very low. For this reason, Sweden one of the important countries of the European Union, continues its development rapidly constantly attracts immigration from foreign countries. The country's population growth rate is quite high.

Sweden, having been an European Union country since January 1, 1995 also member of UNESCO which participated in 1950. UNESCO adopted the World Heritage Convention, created in 1972, in 1985, making its historical sites eligible for inclusion in the list. The first Sweden site added to the list was the Royal Site of Drottningholm, recorded at the 15th session of the World Heritage Committee held in Carthage, Tunisia, in 1991. The most recent site added to the current list is The Decorated Farmhouses of Halsingland, written in 2012. The Sweden has an "Act" to protect their cultural heritages which name is "Historic Environment Act" and in our opinion, this "Act" has protected our areas from the beginning.

As Sweden, we believe that the implementation of such an "Act" within countries is an important step to "preserving cultural heritage." Also if there any idea to advance the UNESCO and if that idea is not acting something such as wars, we appreciate to be near that idea.

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