Risk Management for Cultural Heritage

• In emergency, everyone is expected to do their duty in the interest of all!

• Cultural Heritage must be allowed to do its duty:
  – Include it in all Risk Management
  – Make use of it and of the knowledge it embodies
  – Treat it as a benchmark of adequate readiness
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- Cultural Heritage INCLUDES a diversity of assets, non-renewable and meaningful to communities:
  - Places, structures, urban areas, landscapes
  - Objects, documents, archives
  - Knowledge, living traditions

- Its conservation IS prevention addressing threats:
  - Forces of Nature (earthquake, flood, hurricane...)
  - Human Violence (war, vandalism, looting...)
  - Inappropriate Human Activity (pollution, industry...)
  - Insensitive Alteration (façadism, demolition...)
  - Decay (weathering, lack of maintenance...)
  - Indifference (oblivion, unawareness, disuse...)
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- **Proposed actions to connect/integrate Cultural Heritage in Disaster Reduction and provide bases for sustained cooperation:**
  
  - **Appoint Cultural Heritage liaisons** on national, local and regional committees on Disaster Reduction.
  
  - **Hold joint National Summits** on Cultural Heritage and Risk Preparedness and other national, local, regional or international.
  
  - **Develop/promote charters and standards** on risk preparedness for cultural heritage, including standard for reporting impact of disasters on cultural heritage.