

Steps toward The Blue Helmets of culture

- March 2015:** Interview of Minister Franceschini [The Guardian](#), urging the international community to protect the cultural heritage threatened by Isis.
- August 1, 2015:** 83 countries signed the Charter of Milan at the summit of Ministers of Culture at Expo, condemning violence against cultural heritage.
- September 29, 2015:** Statement of the Prime Minister, Matteo Renzi at the UN General Assembly.
- November 13, 2015:** UNESCO adopts a resolution that commits each member country to set up a national task force, Unite4Heritage, to be used in defense of world cultural heritage, and urges the UN to discuss the opportunity of a cultural component in peacekeeping missions.
- February 16, 2016:** Italy is the first national Unite4Heritage task force with an agreement signed at the Baths of Diocletian with UNESCO and by the then Foreign Minister, Paolo Gentiloni.
- March 24, 2017:** The UN Security Council approves Resolution 2437/2017 which provides for the engagement of a cultural component in UN peacekeeping missions, if requested.