Organic Law of the National Institute of Anthropology and History

Article 1

The National Institute of Anthropology and History has its own juridical personality and depends on the Ministry of Culture.

Sections I, IV, V, IX, XX and XXI

The general objectives of the National Institute of Anthropology and History are the scientific research on Anthropology and History mainly related to the population of the country and conservation and restoration of the archeological and historical cultural heritage, as well as the paleontological; protection, conservation, restoration and recovery of that heritage and the promotion and dissemination of the matters and activities that are within the competence of the Institute. In order to fulfill its objectives, the National Institute of Anthropology and History will have the following functions:

I. In terms of Article 3 of the Federal Law on Archaeological, Artistic and Historical Monuments and Zones, to apply the laws, regulations, decrees and agreements in the matters of its competence.

IV. Propose to the competent authority, the issuance of regulations containing general and technical norms for the conservation and restoration of archaeological, historical and paleontological zones and monuments, to be applied in coordination with the state and municipal governments.

V. Propose to the Minister of Culture the celebration of coordination agreements with the federal, state and municipal authorities, tending to the best protection and conservation of the historical, archaeological and paleontological heritage of the nation and of the typical and traditional character of the cities and towns.

IX. Identify, investigate, recover, rescue, protect, restore, rehabilitate, monitor and guard in the terms prescribed by the Federal Law on Archaeological, Artistic and Historical Monuments and Zones, the respective monuments and zones, as well as the movable property associated with them.

XX. To perform, in agreement with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the necessary procedures to obtain the return of archaeological or historical property abroad.

XXI. Any others conferred by the laws of the Republic.