



CONCLUSIONS OF THE 14TH CONGRESS OF CATALAN ARCHIVISTS

The Scientific Committee of the 14th Congress of Catalan Archivists, which under the name *Archives, Identity and State* has gathered in the city of Barcelona over 200 archival science and records management professionals, and having heard the presentations and debates, hereby proposes the adoption of the following conclusions:

1. To request that the Government of Catalonia apply, develop and, if appropriate, update the existing legislation on archives in order to achieve maximum development of the Catalan Archives System.
2. To reiterate the request that the Government of Catalonia change the assignment of the function of archive and records management to be able to develop its responsibilities from a more cross-cutting position.
3. To call for the vacancy in the Sub-Directorate General for Archives and Records Management, the management body of the Catalan Archives System to be filled.
4. To request that all administrations act to establish policies and bodies that guarantee the proper preservation of documents created in electronic formats.
5. To request the Government of Catalonia to develop strategic planning that defines a public policy on archives and records management to meet current needs and anticipate future challenges.
6. To employ every legal means to assume the total management and ownership of Catalonia's documentary holdings.
7. To promote the creation of a group of professionals to draw up a road map to anticipate possible scenarios in the archival sphere in the context of the creation of State structures.
8. To maintain and increase contact with international archiving organisations in order to apprise them of the situation in Catalonia and inform them of steps taken.
9. To uphold the value of archives and documentary heritage in the preservation of the historical memory and the identity of peoples.

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