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In the Name of Allah, the Most Merciful, the Most Compassionate

**Decree of the Supreme Leader, Mawlawi Hebatullah Akhundzada, may Allah protect him regarding the protection of historical and cultural ancient sites and monuments**

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**Article one:**

- (1) The Ministry of Information and Culture and other Emirate ministries and authorities are obliged to prevent the usurpation, destruction, purchase, sale, and smuggling of historical and cultural monuments.
- (2) The Ministry of Information and Culture and other Emirate ministries and authorities are obliged to prevent excavations, unauthorized possessions of ancient sites, and the destruction of said sites.
- (3) Excavations in historical areas are under the authority of the Ministry of Information and Culture.
- (4) The Ministry of Information and Culture is obliged to protect and take care of the ancient, historical, and cultural sites and monuments of the country and repair them if necessary.

**Article two:**

The Ministry of Information and Culture must draft and prepare the draft law to protect historical and cultural-historical sites and monuments and send it to the Ministry of Justice for the next steps.

**Article three:**

This decree shall be effective from the date of endorsement and should be published in the official gazette.

Regards,

Supreme Leader, Mawlawi Hebatullah Akhundzada