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To The President  
Indian History Congress  
Allahabad.

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Indian History Congress,

The preservation of cultural treasures of the world is as undeferrable a necessity as the Red Cross work, which takes care of the preservation of physical health. Unfortunately the destructions of many unrepeatable treasures is not merely the vandalism of some past centuries, but even to-day, at this very hour, we witness how in various parts of the world such atrocities take place. Thus the question of the preservation of cultural monuments is not an academic one, but demands full urgency of application.

Since 1904 I have been working on this question and all wars and aggressions which took place since then, have only proven the utmost necessity of a certain agreement between nations. The attached material gives a historic review of all the conferences, resolutions and adherences which have taken place. You will find the resolutions of the International Conference in Bruges in 1931 and in 1932, the Washington Conference of 1933 and the signing of the Pact by all 21 republics of America - members of the Pan-American Union, as well as official adherences by numerous scientific and cultural institutions throughout the world.

This Pact decrees that all Governments, who adhere to it, agree to respect and protect cultural treasures, which are to be marked by a special Banner, giving them the same rights of inviolability as the Red Cross Flag.

In India the following eminent personalities have expressed themselves for the Pact: Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, the late Sir Jagadis Bose, Sir Radhakrishnan, the late Anagarika Dhamapala, Sir D.B. Jayatilaka, Dr. Asir Kumar Halder, Rai Bahadur Pt. Braj Mohan Vyas, R.C. Tandon, H.C. Mehta, C.C. Gangoly, Ramananda Chatterji, Devapriya Walisinha, Pireswar Sen, Swami Jagadiswarananda, Gurdial Mullik, Suniti Kumar Chatterji, Sir C.V. Raman, S.V. Ramaswamy Mudaliar, H.A. Shah, Jamshed Nusserwanji,

and many many others, including societies like The Nagari Pracharini Sabha, the Maha Bodhi Society, Punjab University, Andhra University, Indian Society of Oriental Arts, Madanapalle College, etc.etc.

It is my earnest belief that the Indian History Congress will pass a resolution in favour of the Pact and recommend its acceptance.

The text of the Pact is herewith attached and the following literature is also sent herewith:

The Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace - 1934  
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The Roerich Banner of Peace.  
The Roerich Pact, Shanghai  
The Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace, from "Dawn".  
The Roerich Pact and Banner of Peace, from "Flamma"  
Nicholas Roerich - by B.D.Conlan (Paris) pp.14 etc

The aim of the Pact is so clear and the hearts of all scholars are so widely open to the protection of cultural treasures that I do not think it is necessary to dwell at greater length on this subject.

I ask my esteemed Colleagues to express themselves in favour of this movement and to pass a resolution adhering to it.

Wishing the Indian History Congress every success,

Yours sincerely

Nicholas Roerich .

The All-Indian History Congress at Allahabad on Oct. 10th and The Nagari Pracharini Sabha at Benares on Nov. 6 have recently unanimously endorsed the Roerich Pact for Protection of Cultural Treasures. On November 17th the Banner of Peace of the Roerich Pact was also unfurled during a ceremony at the "Sarnagati" Lecture Hall.

We enclose particulars of the Pact and suggest that you move a resolution expressing adherence to the Pact.

THE INDIAN HISTORY CONGRESS AT ALLAHABAD ENDORSES THE ROERICH PACT.

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Dr. Tara Chand moved and Rai Mahadur Brij Mohan Vyas seconded a motion for the endorsement of the Roerich Pact and the following resolution was unanimously passed:  
"Resolved that the Second Indian History Congress held at Allahabad approves of the International Pact for the protection of artistic and scientific institutions, historic monuments, missions and collections, originated by Nicholas Roerich and records its support of the said Pact". Rai Bahadur Brij Mohan Vyas in seconding the motion paid tribute to Prof. Roerich and mentioned that the Pact has already been adopted by 21 countries and a very large number of learned societies and associations. He stated that he had no doubt that by solemnly endorsing that great pact in the cause of peace and culture that most distinguished and learned assembly of scholars from all over India would not only be following the footsteps of similar assemblies and organizations in other parts of the world, but would be lending support to a most emergent and significant measure.

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