The State, in all its National, Regional or Local dimensions, is one of the key actors in the safeguarding of Cultural Heritage, and particularly of its material expressions. How the state interacts with other actors and stakeholders, in other words how it regulates; and how the state promotes interactions with its cultural Heritage, are subjects of much debate, and a source of interesting pragmatics, and comparative research. Recently in Peru the Ministrio de Cultura has gone through a complex process of modernization that has involved revising its legal basis, its administrative procedures and its organizational structures. All of this has translated into the approval of specific documents, guides and bylaws that are the backbone of the National strategy in regards to the two, at sometimes conflicting, mandates: Regulation and Promotion. But the documents are only the terminal expression of long and conflicting processes of negotiation, which seldom reflect in the documents. These negotiations, involving not only parties interested in the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, are the subject of this presentation and open discussion. The issue here is how, at the end of the day, our ideas have to translate into the norms that regulate the systems.

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