Protecting our heritage, protecting our future

Government is proud to announce the addition of two of South Africa's historic collections to the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (Unesco) Memory of the World (MOW) International Register, following the eighth meeting of the International Advisory Committee from 11 – 15 June 2007 in South Africa.

These collections are the Rivonia Trial Collection, housed at the National Archives, and the audio-visual Liberation Struggle Living Archive Collection, housed by Doxa Productions in Cape Town.

The register lists documentary heritage which has been identified by the International Advisory Committee and endorsed by the Director-General of Unesco as corresponding to the selection criteria for world significance. The MOW Programme was launched 15 years ago, with the aim of preserving humanity's documentary heritage.

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