Mr. Laurent Anselmi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Mr. Valéry Freland, Executive Director of the ALIPH Foundation, have signed a memorandum of understanding between the Principality of Monaco and the International alliance for the protection of heritage in countries in conflict (ALIPH).

Following the International Conference on Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in Conflict Areas in Abu Dhabi, ALIPH was founded in Geneva in March 2017 with the mission to protect sites, museums, and monuments and collections in countries in conflict and post-conflict areas. To this end, it finances preventive measures, emergency works, and concrete rehabilitation projects around the world. ALIPH is today the only global fund exclusively dedicated to this objective and has recognized expertise in the field of endangered heritage protection.

Among the foreign policy priorities for the Government of Monaco is the preservation of world heritage, which too often suffers massive damage during armed conflicts and natural disasters. This partnership with the ALIPH Foundation is thus in line with the actions already supported by Monaco to safeguard endangered cultural heritage, notably within the framework of UNESCO and ICCROM.

The Financing Agreement between the ALIPH Foundation and the Government of Monaco will enable the latter to contribute to the realisation of two particularly symbolic projects implemented by international or local operators, namely the rehabilitation of the Raqqa Museum in north-east Syria and the renovation of the Saint-Antoine de Deddé Church in Lebanon and the conservation of its mural paintings.