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**Special Committee to review the practical operation of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects**

**1<sup>st</sup> meeting**

**Paris, UNESCO Headquarters, Room II**

**Entrance – 125 avenue de Suffren, 75007 Paris**

**Tuesday, 19 June 2012**

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**PROGRAMME**

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9 a.m. – 10 a.m. Arrival and registration of participants

**10 a.m. – 10.20 a.m. Opening session**

*Welcome address* – José Angelo Estrella Faria, Secretary General, UNIDROIT

*Opening remarks* – Francesco Bandarin, Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO

*Representative of the Italian Government*, Depository of the Convention

**10.20 a.m. – 1 p.m. The 1995 Convention: a necessary and complementary instrument**

**Chairman** *Alberto Mazzoni, President, UNIDROIT*

10.20 a.m. – 10.35 a.m. International claims for restitution outside the framework of the 1970 and 1995 instruments = genesis of the 1995 Convention = Maria VICIEN-MILBURN, Legal Adviser and Director, UNESCO Office of International Standards and Legal Affairs

10.35 a.m. – 11.35 a.m. Why African States must embrace the 1995 UNIDROIT – *Folarin SHYLLON*, Professor, Law Faculty of the University of Ibadan, Nigeria

The UNIDROIT cultural Convention. The unfulfilled tasks – *Jorge SANCHEZ CORDERO*, Director of the Mexican Centre of Uniform Law, member of the UNIDROIT Governing Council

Arab States and the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention – *Ridha FRAOUA*, Doctor of Law, Expert in cultural heritage legislation

11.35 a.m. – 12 a.m. Observations/Questions of participants/Discussions

<b>12 a.m.– 12.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Governments, non governmental institutions and civil society - an indispensable partnership</b>
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The role of museums – *Julien ANFRUNS, Director General of the International Council of Museums (ICOM)*

The Illicit Antiquities Trade. Raising Public Awareness – *Staffan LUNDEN, member of the Research Group Global Heritage Studies, School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg, Sweden*

12.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Observations/Questions of participants/Discussions

1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

*Lunch break*

<b>3 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>	<b>The 1995 UNIDROIT Convention: a strong influence</b>
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**Chairman**     *José Angelo Estrella Faria, Secretary-General, UNIDROIT*

3 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.

Causes and consequences of the absence of ratification by France of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention – *Corinne HERSHKOVITCH, Borghèse associés – Avocat au barreau de Paris, France*

3.15 p.m. – 4.15 p.m.

*Round table on the influence of the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention (good practices, national legislations of States non Parties, case law, international instruments)*

Speakers

- ♦ Keun-Gwan LEE, Professor, Seoul National University, Rep. of Korea
- ♦ Flora VAN REGTEREN ALTENA, Department for Cultural Heritage, Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, the Netherlands
- ♦ Marc-André RENOLD, Professor, University of Geneva
- ♦ Manlio FRIGO, Professor, University of Milan

4.15 p.m. – 5.15 p.m.

Observations/Questions of participants/Discussions

5.15 p.m. – 5.45 p.m.

Is the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention still a valid multilateral instrument? – *Lyndel PROTT, Honorary Professor, University of Queensland, Australia*

<b>5.45 p.m. – 6 p.m.</b>	<b>Closing session</b>
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*Conclusive remarks*

Alberto Mazzoni, President, UNIDROIT