

DRAFT MODEL INSTRUMENT

ACCESSION

THE HEAD OF STATE
or
THE PRIME MINISTER
or
THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF [name of country]

Whereas the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects has been open for signature in Rome on 24th June 1995,

Whereas the Convention according to its Article 11(3) is open for accession by all States which are not signatory States as from the date it is open for signature,

Whereas the [Government, Parliament...] of [name of country] by its decision n°XXXX acceded to the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects,

Whereas the instrument of accession, according to Article 21 of the Convention, shall be deposited with the Government of the Italian Republic,

Now therefore the Government of [name of country] formally declares the accession of the said Convention and undertakes faithfully to perform and carry out the stipulations therein contained.

IN WITNESS THEREOF. I have signed and sealed this instrument.

Done at this day of 200..

Seal

Signature

Declarations by the Government of [name of country] made upon deposition of its instrument of accession to the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects, done in Rome on the 24th June 1995

The Government of [name of country] hereby declares that

in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 16 of the Convention, claims for the restitution or requests for the return of cultural objects may be submitted [choose between a), b) or/and c)]

in accordance with Article 17 of the Convention, the Government of [name of country] declares the Ministry of Culture [or Justice, or Foreign Affairs] shall, no later than six month following the accession to the Convention, present to the Government of the Italian Republic, in one of the official languages of the Convention, the laws and other statutory acts of the of [name of country], regulating the export of cultural objects.

Done at this day of200...

Signature