

**DRAFT MODEL INSTRUMENT**  
**RATIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE OR APPROVAL**

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 24<sup>th</sup> June 1995,

**Whereas** the Convention according to its Article 11(2) is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval by States which have signed it,

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

**Whereas** the instrument of [ratification] [acceptance] [approval], 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 [ratification] [acceptance] [approval] 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 [ratification] [acceptance] [approval] of the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects, done in Rome on the 24<sup>th</sup> 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 [ratification] [acceptance] [approval] of 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 of .....200...

Signature