DRAFT MODEL INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION
to the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects ¹

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 subject to 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,

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 brought by a State under Article 8 may be submitted to it under the following procedure[s]: [choose between a), b) or/and c],

The Government of [name of country] hereby declares that in accordance with Article 17 of the Convention, 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, ²

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 ................. 20...

Seal                                    Signature

¹ This model only contains reference to the compulsory declarations which are to be made under the Convention.
² The State can present the legislation regulating the export of cultural objects together at the time of deposit and not within 6 months.