Item No. 22 on the Agenda: Date and place of the 85th session of the Governing Council

(memorandum prepared by the UNIDROIT Secretariat)

Summary
Setting the date and place for the 85th session of the Governing Council

Action to be taken
See § 4

Related documents
None

1. Prior to each session of the Governing Council the Secretariat has traditionally sought to provide members of the Council with its thinking as to possible dates for the subsequent Council session, principally so as to enable Council members before coming to Rome to consult their diaries to see whether such dates would work for them. In the past, most Council members have tended to prefer Council sessions to take place in spring time.

2. Since at the time of preparing this memorandum the dates in Spring 2006 on which other Organisations will be holding meetings are, by and large, unknown, it would seem prudent to settle the dates for the holding of the 85th session of the Council during the 84th session so as to avoid any overlapping with meetings the dates of which are still to be arranged in which Council members might be involved.

3. Given that it has, unfortunately, not proven possible for it to organise the special conference to mark the 10th anniversary of the opening to signature of the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects in conjunction with the 84th session of the Council, as planned, the Secretariat has considered it appropriate to contemplate the 85th session of the Council, exceptionally, lasting for four days session, in the event that the Council may decide that it would like to convene the conference in question in conjunction with its 85th session.

4. Following the tradition of holding Council sessions in spring time whilst, at the same time, avoiding weeks including public holidays, the Secretariat would therefore propose, for the consideration of members of the Council, that the 85th session of the Governing Council be held either from 10 to 13 April or from 8 to 11 May 2006.