UNIDROIT

CONVENTION ON STOLEN OR ILLEGALLY EXPORTED CULTURAL OBJECTS

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Rome, 8 May 2015
Musei Capitolini, Sala Pietro da Cortona
Opening Session

H.E. Mr Dario Franceschini, Minister, Italian Ministry of Heritage and Cultural Activities and Tourism
Mr Alfredo Pérez de Armiñan, Assistant Director-General for Culture, UNESCO
Ms Giovanna Marinelli, Deputy for Cultural Affairs at the Municipality of Rome
H.E. Ambassador Nassif Hitti, Head of Mission of the Arab League to Italy
Prof. Alberto Mazzoni, President of UNIDROIT

I. The context – the birth of a convention

Moderator – Prof. Alberto Mazzoni

Difficulties in private international law relating to the restitution of cultural objects
Prof. Kurt Siehr, Professor emeritus of the University of Zürich, Max Planck Institute of Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg

The starting point, the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property
Mr Edouard Planche, Programme Specialist, Section for Cultural Heritage Protection Treaties, Division for Heritage, UNESCO

Italian Policies for the Restitution of Illicitly Trafficked Cultural Heritage, based on the Rule of Law and International Cooperation
Mr Francesco Rutelli, President of Priorità Cultura

The experience of the United States of America in fighting illicit trafficking in cultural property
Ms Maria P. Kouroupas, Director, Cultural Heritage Center, U.S. Department of State

Coffee Break
II. The built – an enhanced protection

Moderator - Mr Alfredo Pérez de Armiñan

The UNIDROIT Convention – Remarks on the dynamics of sources in international law
Prof. Jean-Sylvestre Bergé, Université Jean Moulin - Lyon 3 (EDIEC – GDR CNRS ELSJ)

Archaeological objects
Dr Maamoun Abdulkarim, Director General, Antiquities and Museums, Syria (DGAM)
Prof. Spyridon Vrellis, Emeritus Professor, University of Athens; Director of the Hellenic Institute of International and Foreign Law, Athens

Ecclesiastic objects
Mr Sandro Barbagallo, Curator of the Department of Historical Collections, Vatican Museums
Mr José Angelo Estrella Faria, UNIDROIT Secretary-General

Private collections
Mr Marc-André Haldimann, Associated Researcher, University of Bern; Mediterranean Archaeology Expert
Mr Jorge Sánchez Cordero, Director of the Mexican Center of Uniform Law; Vice President of the International Academy of Comparative Law

13.00 – 14.15
Light Lunch offered (Terrazza Caffarelli)

14.30 – 17.30
III. The influence – beyond the 1995 Convention

Moderator – Mr José Angelo Estrella Faria

H.E. Mrs Laurence Argimon-Pistre, Ambassador, Head of the EU Delegation to the Holy See, the Order of Malta and the UN Organizations in Rome

The international development of case law and practice on the restitution of cultural objects
Prof. Manlio Frigo, University of Milan, Member of the ILA Heritage Law Committee

About the adoption of the “Restitution Directive”, the interaction between European Union law and international law
Prof. Marie Cornu, Director of Research, CNRS, France, Member of the ILA Heritage Law Committee

Roundtable on “due diligence”
Mr Fabrizio Panone, Criminal Intelligence Officer, Works of Art Unit, INTERPOL
Mr Giampiero Romano, Comando Carabinieri Tutela Patrimonio Culturale
Mr Jean-Claude Gandur, Chairman, Fondation Gandur pour l’Art
Mr Roberto Rossi, Public Prosecutor, Member, Rome Superior Council of Magistracy
Mr Stefano de Caro, Director General, ICCROM

Discussion

17.30 – 18.00
Closing Session

19.00
Reception (Embassy of Brazil – personal invitation)
Motto of the diplomatic Conference for the adoption of the 1995 Convention

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