

**FORMALITIES TO CARRY OUT AT THE TIME OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION
to the UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects**

INSTRUMENT TO DEPOSIT WITH THE DEPOSITARY according to Article 11

Italian Government according to Article 21 paragraph 1.

COMPULSORY DECLARATION AT THE TIME OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION

Article 16, paragraph 1: indicate the procedure(s) under which the claims for the restitution or the requests for the return of cultural objects may be submitted according to Article 8.

OPTIONAL DECLARATIONS AT THE TIME OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION

Article 3, paragraph 5 any Contracting State may declare that a claim for the restitution of a cultural object forming an integral part of an identified monument or archaeological site, or belonging to a public collection is subject to a time limitation of 75 years or such longer period as is provided in its law.

Article 13, paragraph 3: in their relations with each other, Contracting States which are Members of organisations of economic integration or regional bodies may declare that they will apply the internal rules of these organisations or bodies and will not therefore apply as between these States the provisions of this Convention the scope of application of which coincides with that of those rules.

Article 14, paragraphs 1 and 2 if a Contracting State has two or more territorial units, it may declare that this Convention is to extend to all its territorial units or only to one or more of them (express declaration). This declaration can also be made at the time of signature.

Article 16, paragraph 2: any Contracting State may designate the courts or other authorities competent to order the restitution or return of cultural objects under the provisions of Chapters II and III.

COMPULSORY DECLARATION NO LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF DEPOSIT OF THE INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION OR ACCESSION

Article 17: any Contracting State provide the depositary with written information in one of the official languages of the Convention (English, French) concerning the legislation regulating the export of its cultural objects. This information shall be updated from to time as appropriate.

