

DRAFT MODEL INSTRUMENT OF
[RATIFICATION] [ACCEPTANCE] [APPROVAL]
of 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(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,

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 following laws and other statutory acts of [name of country] regulate the export of cultural objects: [title and date of the legislation] ²

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 20...

Seal

Signature

¹ This model only contains reference to the compulsory declarations which are to be made under the Convention. For optional declarations, see the document on [formalities](#).

² The text of the legislation, or a written information on it in French or English, must be provided to the Depositary.