



# UNIDROIT

## CONVENTION ON STOLEN OR ILLEGALLY EXPORTED CULTURAL OBJECTS

### 20 YEARS LATER

Rome, 8 May 2015

Musei Capitolini, Sala Pietro da Cortona



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**PROGRAMME**  
as of 29 April 2015

**SALA PIETRO DA CORTONA – MUSEI CAPITOLINI**  
**PIAZZA DEL CAMPIDOGLIO, 1**  
**00186 ROME**

9.15 – 9.40 **Opening Session**<sup>1</sup>

*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

9.40 – 10.45

**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

10.45 – 11.15

**Coffee Break**

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<sup>1</sup> The Musei Capitolini open at 9 a.m. (only for the Conference)

11.15 – 13.00

## 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)



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